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Box PATENT APPLICATION
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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: TENSION ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM
FOR A WORK MACHINE
Inventor: Brian D. HOFF

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Specification - 24 pages; Claims - 5 pages, including 3 independent claims and 16 claims total; Abstract - 1 page.
2. Drawings - 5 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-5).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (1 page).
4. Preliminary Amendment (2 pages).
5. Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) and Assignment to Caterpillar Inc. (2 pages) (3 pages total).
6. Information Disclosure Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b) (1 page), PTO-1449 Form (1 page), and 5 cited references (copies provided).

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7. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ \$740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	16	-	20	0	x \$18	-0-
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TOTAL APPLICATION FILING FEE						\$ 740.00

8. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$780.00 to Caterpillar Deposit Account No. 03-1129. The fees includes:

\$740.00 filing fee; and
\$40.00 Assignment recordation fee.

Applicant claims the right to priority based on Provisional Patent Application No. 60/342,370, filed December 27, 2001.

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Please accord this application an application number and filing date and record and return the Assignment to the undersigned.

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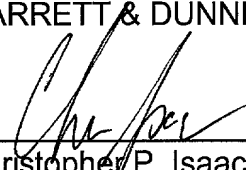
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Respectfully submitted,

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